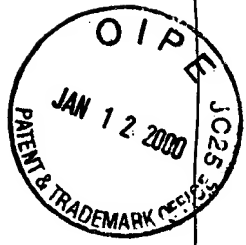


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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of October 06, 1999, on  
page 3, line 8, after "Entitled", add - Apparatus For  
Clamping and Precisely Cutting Metal Castings, filed  
November 02, 1998, Serial No. 09/184,150.

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A rotary clamping device for use in  
clamping and holding a metal casting tree during cutting of  
the metal casting tree, comprising  
a cylinder,  
an elongate piston rod in said [cylindrical] cylinder  
projecting axially from the cylinder and having inner and  
outer ends,  
a piston secured to said piston rod and positioned with  
the cylinder,  
means connecting the cylinder to a source of fluid  
under pressure for shifting the piston and piston rod  
axially of the cylinder in advanced and retracted  
directions,  
an elongate guide secured to said cylinder and

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